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SUBJECT: TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CNAD HIGH-LEVEL
GROUP ON AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING, JUNE 15-16, 1977
SUMMARY: THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP (HLG): (1) ACCEPTED THE
OFFERS OF SEVERAL NATIONS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MANPOWER TO
NAPO TO REPLACE SOME DEPARTING UK PERSONNEL; (2) DISCUSSED
MAIN OPERATING BASE SELECTION AND ESTABLISHED A TASK GROUP
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TO SURVEY CANDIDATE BASES (THE FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE
EACH OFFERED A BASE); (3) TENTATIVELY AGREED TO EXTEND THE
PREFINANCING STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE END OF THE
YEAR; (4) ACCEPTED A REVISED PROGRAM BASELINE FOR COSTING
PURPOSES; (5) AGREED TO IDENTIFY AND HIGHLIGHT THE
OPPORTUNITY FOR SAVINGS WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM A DECISION
FOR DATA PROCESSING COMMONALITY; AND (6) APPROVED WORKING

PAPER 16 AS A BASIS FOR OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED FORCE SIZE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CNAD HLG ON AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING HELD ITS 27TH MEETING AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON JUNE 15-16, 1977. LT COLONELS J. WANAMAKER AND J. MYER, HQUSAF, REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING FOLLOW.

2. THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCED THAT HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD BE SUGGESTING TO OTHER PERMREPS THAT THE HLG REPORTING STRUCTURE BE CHANGED. THE CANADIANS WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE HLG REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL TO HELP MAINTAIN HIGH-LEVEL FOCUS ON HLG PROBLEMS. THE HLG NOTED THE CANADIAN VIEW.

3. THE PROGRAM MANAGER, AIR COMMODORE SCRIMGEOUR, REPORTED THAT HE HAD APPOINTED DR. W. R. O'BRIEN (US) TO BE ACTING HEAD OF THE NAPO SYSTEMS ENGINEERING DIVISION. AT ITS NEXT MEETING, THE HLG WILL DISCUSS MAKING THIS A PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT. SEVERAL NATIONS HAVE OFFERED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MANPOWER TO NAPO TO REPLACE DEPARTING UK PERSONNEL; CANADA IDENTIFIED THREE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, THE NETHERLANDS WILL PROVIDE ONE, THE FRG EXPECTS TO PROVIDE THREE TO FOUR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, AND BELGIUM WILL ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION ON MANPOWER SHORTLY. IN ADDITION, SACLANT EXPECTS TO OFFER A US NAVAL OFFICER

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EXPERIENCED IN MARITIME TACTICS. THE HLG WELCOMED ALL OFFERS FOR MANPOWER ASSISTANCE AND PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM NATIONS WHICH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF NAPO. ALSO, THE SACLANT OFFER WILL PROVIDE NAPO WITH EXPERTISE IT HAS BEEN SEEKING.

4. THE HLG APPROVED THE PROGRAM MANAGER'S EXPENDITURE OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO CONTINUE MITRE CORPORATION SUPPORT TO THE E-3A SYSTEM PROJECT OFFICE IN PREPARATION FOR A NEW BOEING PROPOSAL FOR NATO AEW AND FOR THE ESG(FRG FIRM)/BOEING COLLABORATIVE EFFORT ON SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT. THE HLG APPROVED THESE CONTRACTURAL EFFORTS THROUGH 31 DEC 77 TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PACKAGE PROGRAM FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS. THE HLG ALSO CONTINUED CONTRACT DEFINITION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES THRU DEC 77. THE ESTIMATED COST OF ALL THESE EFFORTS IS NOT TO EXCEED \$3.0M, OF WHICH THE US SHARE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$1.9M.

5. THE PROGRAM MANAGER REPORTED THAT THE FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE OFFERED CANDIDATE MAIN OPERATING BASES (MOB) FOR THE AEW FLEET. BELGIUM IS ALSO STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF OFFERING A MOB; THE BELGIAN REP SAID THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY ABOUT THE

END OF JUNE. IN ADDITION, THE UK REP EXPRESSED HIS
AUTHORITIES' WILLINGNESS TO HOST THE MOB IF THAT WERE
NATO'S DESIRE. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE UK WOULD
BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF OPERATIONS AND
SUPPORT (O AND S) PERSONNEL BECAUSE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE NIMROD PROGRAM. THE HLG AGREED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF A JOINT TASK GROUP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HLG SUBGROUPS
1 AND 5 TO SURVEY CANDIDATE BASES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
ON MOB SELECTION. THE SHAPE REP SAID THE MAJOR NATO COM-
MANDERS WOULD MAKE THEIR FORCE STRUCTURE ASSESSMENTS

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BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS AS TO MOB LOCATION, AND WOULD COMMENT
AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME ON THE MILITARY UTILITY OF THE
FINALLY SELECTED LOCATION. THIS STATEMENT HUPNDASED ON
RECOGNITION BY THE HLG THAT SELECTION OF THE MOB IS
PRIMARILY A POLITICAL/ECONOMIC DECISION. THE HLG PLANS TO
SELECT THE MOB BY NOVEMBER 1, 1977.

COMMENT: IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THE INTEREST EXPRESSED

BY THE SMALLER NATIONS TO SUPPORT MORE ACTIVELY THE PROGRAM THROUGH OPERATING BASE OFFERS. THE NETHERLANDS' OFFER ALSO INCLUDES PROVISION OF A REASONABLE NUMBER OF O AND S PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION TO THE OFFERS MENTIONED ABOVE, CANADA, GREECE, NORWAY, PORTUGAL AND TURKEY HAVE
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OFFERED, OR ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING OFFERING, FORWARD OPERATING BASES FOR THE FORCE. END COMMENT.
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6. THE HLG TENTATIVELY AGREED TO EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 1977 OF THE JUNE 29, 1976 STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (SOU) FOR PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES. THE AGREEMENT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEED FOR SHARED COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AS THE RESULT OF THE UK'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AIRBORNE PORTION OF THE NATO AEW PROGRAM. INSTEAD OF PREFINANCING ALL ACTIVITIES ON A 6:4:4 RATIO, THE US, UK AND FRG WILL SHARE AIRCRAFT COSTS ON A 6:0:4 RATIO, GROUND ENVIRONMENT COSTS ON A 6:4:4 RATIO, AND NAPO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ON A 6:2:4 RATIO. THE HLG ASKED THE PREFINANCING NATIONS TO CONFIRM THIS TENTATIVE DECISION BY JUNE 24, 1977 TO FACILITATE APPROVAL BY JULY 1, 1977 OF JULY-DECEMBER FUNDED ACTIVITIES.

7. THE HLG ACCEPTED NAPO'S PROPOSAL FOR A REVISED PROGRAM BASELINE FOR COSTING. THE REVISED BASELINE IS CONSERVATIVE IN THAT IT ASSUMES A US E-3A PROGRAM OF 22 PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT AND THAT THERE WILL NOT BE THIRD COUNTRY SALES OF AWACS. THE BASELINE ALSO ASSUMES A FULL NATO PROGRAM GO-AHEAD DECISION AT THE MAY 1978 DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE NATO AWACS FORCE SIZE WILL BE 18 AIRCRAFT (COMPLEMENTED BY 11 NIMRODS), PENDING THE RESULTS OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES' REVIEW OF THE MIXED FORCE CONCEPT AND SIZE. FINALLY, THE NATO AWACS PROGRAM WILL BE PRICED AS A STAND-ALONE PROGRAM, WITH OPTIONS FOR CONFIGURATION COMMONALITY AND/OR SHARING OF FACILITIES WITH THE US E-3A PROGRAM, SHOULD THEY MATERIALIZE.

8. FURTHER TO THE QUESTION OF CONFIGURATION COMMONALITY,
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SUBGROUP 1 REPORTED ON ITS JUST COMPLETED MEETING. THE REPORT IDENTIFIED AREAS WHICH APPEARED THE MOST FRUITFUL FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON NATO/US DATA PROCESSING CONFIGURATION. THE HLG AGREED

THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COST SAVING THROUGH COMMONALITY SHOULD BE STUDIED IN DETAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FURTHER, THE HLG AGREED TO MAKE NATIONS AWARE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PREFINANCING FUNDS (BEFORE FINAL PROGRAM APPROVAL) TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE POTENTIAL SAVINGS. THE US AGREED TO UNDERTAKE THIS STUDY ON AN URGENT BASIS AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE HLG AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN JULY. THE PROGRAM MANAGER OFFERED NAPO ASSISTANCE IN THIS EFFORT.

9. THE HLG APPROVED AC/259(HLG)WP/16(3RD REVISED), NATO AEW FORCE STRUCTURE, WITH MINOR CHANGES. THE US REP AND OTHERS INSISTED THAT THE DOCUMENT REMAIN A WORKING PAPER IN VIEW OF ITS PROVISIONAL AND DYNAMIC STATUS. WP/16 SHOULD FORM THE BASIS OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES' OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS.

10. THE NAPO PRESENTED RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROPOSED GROUND ENVIRONMENT SOFTWARE APPROACH. AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, THE HLG HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PROPOSED HYBRID APPROACH OF OFF-LOADING CROSSTELL FUNCTIONS FROM THE EXISTING NADGE SOFTWARE AND COMBINING THEM WITH AEW REQUIRED FUNCTIONS WOULD BE RISKY AND PERHAPS UNSUITABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING. BASED ON THE ANALYSIS OF A SPECIAL NAPO TEAM, NAPO REPORTED THAT THE HYBRID APPROACH IS FEASIBLE, NOT UNDULY RISKY, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING MULTIPLE RESPONSES TO A COMPETITIVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP). THE HLG NOTED THIS RESULT, BUT REQUESTED NAPO TO CONSULT WITH SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS WOULD BE WARRANTED.

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11. THE HLG ENDORSED THE RESULTS OF THE SUBGROUP 4 WORK ON A NEW INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION (IC) PACKAGE. THE SUBGROUP REPORT (AC/259(HLG)SG/4-DS/4) WILL SERVE AS A PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE FOR THE CONTRACTORS' USE IN DEVELOPING A SPECIFIC IC PACKAGE. SUBGROUP 4 DEVELOPED PRELIMINARY PACKAGES FOR BOTH THE TF-33 AND CFM-56 OPTIONS. CANADA AND THE FRG WOULD BENEFIT IN THE TF-33 OPTION, WHILE FRANCE WOULD BE ADDED IN THE CFM-56 OPTION.

12. THE HLG WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 19-20, 1977. STREATOR

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